पशुपालन और डेयरी से संबंधित कार्यक्रमों को लागू करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता दिया जाना

1591. श्री गोपाल सिंह ओ० सोलंकी: क्या पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य सरकारों द्वारा पशुपालन और डेयरी विकास के कार्यक्रमों को लागू करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता की मांग की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इन कार्यक्रमों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए स्वीकृत की गई वित्तीय सहायता का राज्य-वार विशेषकर गुजरात के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग के राज्य मंत्री (डा० रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह): (क) से (ग) तक सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Medicinal value of Neem tree

1592. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to find out the medicinal value of the Neem tree;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage Neem plantation and declare the same as a national tree?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA), (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of studies have been conducted on the anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-viral, insecticidal and anti-fertility/ contraceptive properties of Neem. The studies have indicated that Neem tree derivatives from the leaf, bark and kernels have medicinal properties for a wide range of diseases.

(c) Plantation of Neem tree is being encouraged by the Government as a part of soil & water conservation, agro-forestry, avenue plantation in various parts of the country. A National Seminar on Neem was organized during January, 1996 by the Ministry of Environmental & Forests. Declaration of Neem as a national tree was one of the agenda of the seminar.

Allocation of budget for conducting surveys and gauge conversion work

1593. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of allocations for conducting surveys for new lines and gauge conversion works;

(b) how many of them have been slashed and by when the proposed work of survey and gauge conversion wil! be completed; and

(c) the amount of expenditure incurred or proposed to be incurred on the said works in 1995-96 and 1996-97, line-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is contained in the Demands for Grants Part-II, pages 2.1.01 to 2.1.22 supplied to she Hon'ble Members with the documents ot the Railway Budget 1996-97 and may please be referred to.

No surveys have been slashed. The completion ot surveys is a gradual and on-going process.

Railway enquiries on Telephone

1594. DR. RANBIR SINGH:

SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether passengers holding wait-listed tickets can ascertain their confirmation position on telephone in all main cities of the country:

(b) if so, the telephone numbers of such service, city-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons for not providing such facilities despite development of computerised reservation facilities;

(d) whether passengers can ascertain the running, arrival and departure position of all the trains on telephone in all main cities of country; and

(e) if so, the telephone numbers of such service city-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor?